



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0054]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 120 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 120 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following applicant, Gregory J. Karkos, did not have sufficient driving experience over the past three years under normal highway operating conditions.

The following 21 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Paul M. A. Bobick	Ethan W. Boze	Russell B. Cochran
Harold L. Coleman	Logan B. Dix	Terry L. Dockall
Charles M. Edmonds	Pedro T. Espinal	Ronald A. Francis
William R. Hand	Kristopher M. Heitmeier	Alan L. Kershisnik
Nuru D. Mehammed	Kevin R. Murphy	Eduardo Ortiz
Christopher E. Robles	Jonathan R. Rogers	Joseph D. Sirlin
Maxwell W. Tanner	Charles Wheeler	Haitham N. Zegar

The following 15 applicants did not have three years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Clairmont Boston	John R. Boudreaux	James A. Bullock, Jr.
James L. Crain	James W. Faber	Joseph F. Giacometto
Elmer G. Godwin, Jr.	Randall L. Hall	Alexander D. Harry
Clyde M. Lange III	Aveland E. Munroe	Jorge M. Rios
Canute O. Robinson	James R. Sadlow	Thomas A. Schwarz

The following nine applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Kyle J. Bailey	Charles W. Bradley	Jeremy W. Culberson
Albert Goodman, Jr.	Jimmy R. Holman	Ronald L. Irwin
Wayne S. Peisert	Donald L. Pons	Dawn K. Waybill

The following two applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past three years under normal highway operating conditions:

Michael Garnys	Edward P. Schrader II
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The following applicant, Marsden A. Cummings, was unable to obtain a statement from an optometrist or ophthalmologist stating that he was able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint.

The following 19 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Shawn B. Blanton	Lorena G. Booker	Gaylon W. Bumpus
Teddy E. Cole	David R. Ford	Joseph R. Fritz
Alan G. Hicks	Tony B. Johnson	Raymond W. Lytle, Sr.
William E. Montanari, Sr.	Donald H. Nelson	Delbert L. Priddle
James D. Simental	Dennis L. Smith	Patrick L. Stansell
Dustin L. Stone	Barron A. Story	Samuel M. Washington
Gary E. Williams		

The following two applicants did not have stable vision for the entire three-year period:

Jeffrey L. Jones	Carl A. Shaner
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The following 21 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

David D. Bond	Nicholas J. Carbone	Harold C. Darden
Douglas J. Davis	Whitney R. Everhart	Craig T. Gerroll
Darren E. Giles	Sukmindier S. Grewal	Derek Griffin
Bobby L. Hunter	Dennis Johnson	Dennis D. Kahle
Enoc D. Lopez	Michael D. Minchew	Armont S. Nash
Osvaldo Negron	Charles E. Rhodes	Michael C. Schaffer, Jr.
Brian D. Sharp	Yancy D. Stone	Charles R. Wulf

The following 24 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Scott W. Andreason	Michael J. Benedict	Ronald R. Campbell
Richard A. Cornejo	Willie J. Evans, Jr.	Domenic L. Germano
Robert L. Hodge	John L. Johnson, Sr.	Raymond Long
Evaristo Z. Martinez	James C. Mcnee	Jere L. Messersmith
Michael D. Meyer	Jeffrey R. Miller	Anna M. Miller
George S. Moore	Steven J. Mulligan	Robert Noonan
Myron E. Olson	Jerry W. Rufsvold	Elmer F. Silcott
Thomas E. Smith	Anthony E. Smith	Manuel Ulloa-Mendez

Finally, the following five applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Michael W. Henderson	Nicholas J. Marchesani	Christopher M. Pannelli
Anthony J. Santi	Todd W. Woronik	

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